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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 9970 ACTION SECSTATE 04 OCT 75

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

3.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT: TAKEOVER OF SINAI FIELDS

REF: A. CAIRO 9969; B. CAIRO 9967

1. DCM AND DATT CALLED ON GENERAL SIILASVUO 1630 HOURS OCTOBER 4. DATT, WHO HAD EARLIER SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT AS COURTESY VISIT, TOLD SIILASVUO OF EMBASSY'S PREOCCUPATION WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOBIL REPS IN TAKEOVER OF SINAI OIL FIELDS.

2. SIILASVUO PROMPTLY LAUNCHED INTO DISCUSSION OF
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OIL FIELD TAKEOVER QUESTION, STATING THAT ORIGINALLY

GENERAL GAMASY HAD TOLD HIM THAT THIS STEP WOULD TAKE PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN OCTOBER 10 AND 20. HE LEARNED ONLY YESTERDAY ABOUT OCTOBER 5 DATE. SIILASVUO SAID HE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED WITH ISRAELIS WHO FIRST SAID NO, BUT LATER IN EVENING REVERSED THIS POSITION. HIS REPORT INDICATED THAT THIS WAS RESULT OF PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF PRESIDENT FORD WITH ISRAELIS.

3. AT THIS POINT SIILASVUO INFORMED UNSYG WALDHEIM WHO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER IMPACT ON UNSC AND POSSIBLE UNFAVORABLE REACTION OF SOVIETS. THEREFORE, WALDHEIM WAS NEGATIVE ON UNEF ROLE IN THIS INSTANCE.

4. SIILASVUO THEN STATED THAT, JUST PRIOR TO EARLIER SCHEDULED MEETING WITH MFA MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD OCT 4 (REFTEL B) TO INTRODUCE UN UNDER/SYG URUQUHART, HE CAME UP WITH IDEA OF UNEF OFFERING ITS GOOD OFFICES AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER AT REQUEST OF BOTH PARTIES. THIS ACTION WOULD BE UNRELATED TO PROTOCOL--WHICH SIILASVUO NOTED HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY SIGNED--NOR TO FIRST DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, BUT WOULD BE SEPARATE UNTO ITSELF. RIAD'S REACTION WAS FAVORABLE TO THIS PROPOSAL AND SIILASVUO PRESENTED IT TO WALDHEIM. HE IS NOW AWAITING WHAT HE BELIEVES WILL BE FAVORABLE REPLY FROM UNSYG.

5. MEANWHILE ARRANGEMENTS (REFTEL A) HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MOBIL TEAM TO DEPART AT 2200 HOURS FROM CAIRO-HELIOPOLIS IN COMPANY OF UNEF LIAISON OFFICER. TEAM WILL PROCEED TO SUEZ CITY TO LINK UP WITH UNEF ESCORT. GROUP WILL CROSS CANAL EARLY MORNING OCTOBER 5 AND IS SCHEDULED ARRIVE AT BUFFER ZONE BORDER WITH ISRAELI AREA AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL.

6. SIILASVIO TOLJ DCM ANJ DATT THAT "IF THEY GO INTO ISRAELI AREA, IT WILL BE WITH UNEF ESCORT."

7. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV. EILTS

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